



Santa Clara Police Department CEW Practical Training

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CEW

**When can we deploy the Taser?
To control a subject who is:**

- Violent**
- Physically resisting**
- Demonstrated intention to be violent/physically resist and/or present harm to self or others**

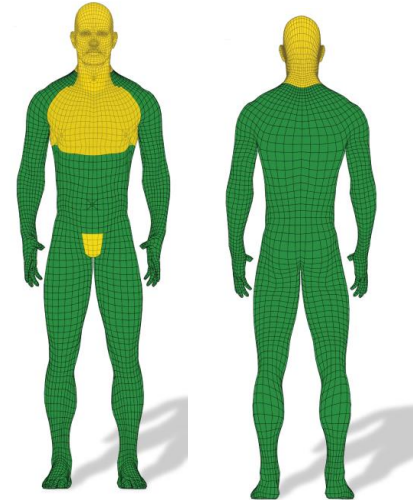




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What areas should we target on a subject (not a deadly force encounter)?

Are these areas acceptable (not a deadly force encounter)?





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If practical, we should try to verbalize what things prior to less lethal deployment?

Identify - “Police” Oder - “Don’t move” Warn - “Or force may be used against you”

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“Less lethal, less lethal, less lethal” or “Taser, Taser, Taser.”

- It allows the suspect to voluntarily comply with your demands**
- Warns other officers about use of less lethal to avoid sympathetic fire**
- Notifies witnesses about intentions and/or lack of cooperation from suspect**
- In line with legislative updates and policies regarding de-escalation**
- * If time allows, further verbal de-escalation is preferred (converse with suspect)**
- * Tactical repositioning is a form of de-escalation and should be considered when appropriate.**



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Use of CEW on certain subjects **should be avoided** unless totality of circumstances indicates other options appear ineffective, unavailable, or need to use CEW outweighs the risk:

- Individuals known to be pregnant
- Elderly or obvious juveniles
- Low body mass
- Handcuffed or restrained
- Subject is sprayed with alcohol-based pepper spray, near combustible vapors, or flammable material
- Subject's position or activity may result in collateral damage (operating vehicles, near water, elevated position)

*** Maximum effective distance 25'**

*** Mere flight from a pursuing officer without other circumstances/factors is not good cause for the use of CEW**





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Is this reasonable? Within Policy? Any Concerns?



- **Mere flight from pursuing officer?**
- **Potentially violent or threatening officers or/others?**
- **PC to believe that suspect committed a crime of violence?**
- **Was a verbal warning given?**



After Use of Force

- Provide medical attention for anyone injured, **when reasonably safe to do so.**

	Taser	PB (Exposure vs Impact)	37mm BML
Fire/Paramedics	X	(Decontaminate)	X
Medical Clearance	X	(Further complaint)	X

Were the officer's commands clear after the OIS? What was the officer's goal?

When giving commands and it's practical, try articulating, "{I/we} want to provide you aid. Follow our instructions so we can help you."

